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SUBJ: 1976 SYRIAN COTTON FORECAST

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1. AGATT FORECASTS 1976 SYRIAN COTTON ACREAGE AT 180,000 HECTARES IRRIGATED AND 10,000 HA RAIN GROWN. COTTON FARMERS FINDING MORE PROFITABLE ALTERNATE CROPS ON IRRIGATED LAND AND THUS SWITCHING SOME LAND OUT OF COTTON. RAINS GENERALLY AMPLE THROUGH MID JANUARY AND IF CONTINUE FAVORABLE, RAIN GROWN COTTON ACREAGE COULD GO HIGHER THAN AGATT FORECAST. RAIN GROWN COTTON CONTRIBUTES LITTLE TO TOTAL PRODUCTION. ASSUMING GROWING CONDITIONS SAME AS PAST TWO SEASONS, AGATT FORECASTS 1976 CROP AT 390,000 METRIC TONS SEED COTTON, WHICH IF REALIZED WILL BE ABOUT 21,000 TONS BELOW 1975 CROP. AGATT EXPECTS HIGH YIELDS ON IRRIGATED COTTON TO BE SUSTAINED, AS SOME CULTURAL PRACTICES IMPROVING AND SEED VIABILITY BEING MAINTAINED.

2. IF REF B REQUESTS INFORMATION NOT CONTAINED ABOVE, PLEASE REPEAT AS AGATT HAS NO RECORD OF RECEIVING IT.  
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